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SUBJECT: SPRK ASKS JAPANESE TRADERS TO LEAVE

SUMMARY: ROK PAPERS SAY JAPANESE BEING ASKED TO LEAVE
NORTH KOREA. END SUMMARY

1. KOREAN NEWSPAPERS ON SEPTEMBER 1 GAVE FRONT PAGE PLAY
TO HAP-DONG WIRE SERVICE STORY FROM TOKYO PARAPHRASED BELOW:

P'YONG-YANG REGIME HAS ORDERED JAPANESE TRADE REPRESENTATIVES
AND TECHNICIANS STATIONED IN P'YONG-YANG, WON-SAN, AND
ELSEWHERE IN NORTH KOREA (NK) TO LEAVE THE COUNTRY
AND HAS ASKED JAPAN, THROUGH A JAPANESE TRADE FIRM, TO
SUSPEND FURTHER VISITS BY JAPANESE FOR THE TIME BEING.
THESE NK ACTIONS WERE TAKEN FOLLOWING AUG 18
INCIDENT AT PANMUNJOM IN WHICH TWO U.S. SECURITY
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OFFICERS WERE MURDERED AND SOME OTHERS WERE INJURED

BY NK GUARDS.

THIS REPORT BY THE YOMIURI SHIMBUN IN ITS TUESDAY
ISSUE, QUOTING SOURCES CONCERNED, IS DRAWING ATTENTION
IN TOKYO.

P'YONG-YANG REQUESTED SUSPENSION OF JAPANESE VISITS
TO NORTH KOREA THROUGH THE JAPAN-NORTH KOREA EXPORT-
IMPORT CO., WHICH VIRTUALLY HAS ACTED AS NK TRADE
MISSION IN JAPAN.

YOMIURI SAID THAT THE NK MEASURES SEEMED TO BE
CLOSELY CONNECTED WITH THE PANMUNJOM INCIDENT AND SUB-
SEQUENT NK DEVELOPMENTS, SCORES OF JAPANESE, MOSTLY
TECNICIANS AND BUSINESSMEN BELONGING TO KOKO BUSSAN CO.
AND HITACHI SHIPBUILDING CO., WERE RETURNING HOME ON MONDAY.
TOTAL NUMBER OF TRADE REPRESENTATIVES AND TECHNICIANS
BEFORE THE INCIDENT WAS ABOUT 80. THE REQUEST WAS
INTERPRETED AS BEING DIRECTLY LINKED TO EARLIER ABRUPT
CANCELLATION OF A YOUTH ART TROUPS FROM P'YONG-YANG.

KOREAN EXPERTS IN TOKYO HELD THAT THESE DEVELOPMENTS
MUST HAVE BEEN DESIGNED TO CONCEAL A POWER STRUGGLE,
PUBLIC COMPLAINTS, AN ECONOMIC BANKRUPTCY OR MUST BE A
SIGN THAT AN "UNPREDICTABLE" DEVELOPMENT IS AFOOT.

RUMORS OF SUCH A MOVE HAD CIRCULATING IN TOKYO
FOR ABOUT FIVE DAYS BUT THIS IS THE FIRST CONFIRMATION
OF THOSE REPORTS.

YOMIURI NOTED THAT NK HAD NEVER BEFORE ORDERED
FOREIGN BUSINESSMEN AND TECHNICIANS TO LEAVE THE COUNTRY
AND THAT IT WAS NOT KNOWN WHETHER NK HAD GIVEN SAME
ORDERS TO FOREIGNERS OF OTHER COUNTRIES.
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